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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Am I to take it that the Government are not prepared to consider any such question of colonization of the unemployed on these lands? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Notice, Sir."

Alleged circular of the Board of Revenue for reclassification of lands in South Kanara every year.

* 447 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Revenue Board has issued circulars to the Revenue officials in the district of South Kanara to reclassify lands every year in case any lands are converted into garden or wet; and to tax single-crop lands when a second crop is raised on the higher basis?

A.—The Government have no information whether the Board of Revenue has issued any circulars on the point. The attention of the hon. Member is however invited to paragraph 40 and paragraph 12 of the Resettlement Notification appended to G.O. No. 42, Revenue, dated the 5th January 1935, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know whether the Hon. Member will call for a report from the Board of Revenue whether they have issued any order? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" I have no objection, Sir."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I ask if it is a cardinal principle of the ryotwari system that when once the classification of the land is settled, it should not be disturbed for another thirty years? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" As a general statement, it may be true, but there are exceptions."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" May I know, Sir, whether the making of improvements and converting the lands from ordinary into garden lands or wet lands or from single crop wet lands into double crop wet lands, come under the exception? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—" Notice, Sir."

Arrest and imprisonment of pattadars in South Kanara for default in the payment of land revenue.

* 448 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Revenue officials in South Kanara are having recourse to arrest and imprisonment of pattadars for enforcing collections of arrears of land revenue; and

(*b*) whether there have been instances when pattadars were arrested and imprisoned to enforce payment of land revenue in other districts of this Presidency within the last ten years; if so, how many, where and when?